Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claims 7, 8, 11-14, 26 and 29-31 have been cancelled, leaving original claims 15-19, which have been allowed, remaining in the application. In addition, new claim 32 has been added to the application.

This new claim defines R, R¹ and R² in the same manner as in claims 12 and 13, which the Examiner indicates would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The definition for Y in claim 32 is the same as in claim 7. The definition for Z in claim 32 is taken from claims 7 and 14. The proviso at the end of claim 32 is the same as in claim 7.

Applicants take the position that these amendments should be entered even though they are being submitted after a final rejection. The effect of the amendments is to limit the claims to subject matter which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable, as discussed above.

Applicants emphasize that cancellation of the rejected claims and claims to which the Examiner has objected, is without prejudice to filing of a separate application for the subject matter of these claims. Such a separate application is being filed on even date herewith.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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